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DAVID SCHOUmacher: It is reported tonight that martial law in Poland has indirectly given the United States a windfall of intelligence information.

According to ABC News, scores of high ranking Polish officials have defected to America since martial law was imposed last month, and those defectors are reportedly giving the CIA a wealth of facts about Soviet military capabilities in Eastern Europe.

According to ABC, one high ranking Polish general defected secretly in Western Europe several weeks before martial law was declared. And it's reported that this general laid out for the CIA exactly what the Polish government was about to do. But sources tell ABC that despite the general's disclosures, most high American officials never knew about them. Apparently, what the general had to say to the CIA was regarded as too sensitive to pass on.

ABC reports that the general is, along with other defectors, living under FBI protection under a new name.

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